

## NORTH DAKOTA

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congr	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2002	FY 2002
<u>Distr</u> <u>Park Units</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Uncontrol</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
			<u>Changes</u>	<u>Changes</u>	
00 Fort Union Trading Post NHS	526,000	619,000	16,000	0	635,000
00 Knife River Indian Village NHS	462,000	648,000	11,000	0	659,000
00 Theodore Roosevelt NP	1,703,000	1,900,000	56,000	0	1,956,000

The table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction and Maintenance, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in those programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)  
None

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Fort Union Trading Post NHS	33 acres	\$100

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION  
None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM  
None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS  
State apportionment: \$689

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS  
Proposed state apportionment: \$5,079

## **Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition**

### **Fiscal Year 2002 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program**

**Program or Park Area:** Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

**National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2002):** Priority No. 20

**Location:** Near junction of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers, in the States of Montana and North Dakota

**States/Counties/Congressional Districts:**

State of Montana/Richland and Roosevelt Counties/Congressional District At Large

State of North Dakota/McKenzie and Williams Counties/Congressional District At Large

**Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining:** None. The over-ceiling authority of Public Law 95-42 would permit the requested appropriation.

**Cost Detail:**

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2002 Request	33	<b>\$100,000</b>
Future Funding Need	0	0

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

**Improvements:** Largely undeveloped.

**Description:** Authorized in 1966, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site preserves the location of the principal fur-trading post of the American Fur Company on the Upper Missouri River. Fort Union served the Assiniboiné, Crow, Cree, Ojibway, and Blackfeet tribes.

**Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal:** Visitation to this national historic site is expected to increase significantly due to the upcoming bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The expedition established nearby Fort Mandan where they spent a productive winter gathering information about the Indian tribes and the lands to the west.

**Threat:** The land protection plan recommends acquisition of all remaining privately owned tracts. Acquisition is necessary to protect and preserve the historic resources of the site.

**Need:** For fiscal year 2002, \$100,000 is needed to acquire five tracts containing a total of 32.99 acres. Two of the tracts to be acquired are needed for a gravel road to access Bodmer Overlook, from which artist Karl Bodmer created a classic painting of the fort in 1833. The tracts are components of a plan to develop the Bodmer Overlook and Trail to provide hikers with a unique and historic view of the fort. The remaining tracts are undeveloped and much like they were at the time Lewis and Clark traversed the area. The tracts contain mature cottonwood trees and lush undergrowth. Several of the landowners have threatened to convert the tracts to irrigated farmland, thereby destroying the historic integrity of the site.

**Interaction with Landowners and Partners:** In contacts with National Park Service, the landowners have been receptive to Federal acquisition of the tracts. Local communities are very supportive of the commemoration efforts. The mayor of Williston, North Dakota, where Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site is located, is a supporter of the site and welcomes enhancements to its physical composition. The economic development coordinator sees the historic site as a resource for the community and preservation of its historic character through acquisition will enhance the tourism industry and the quality of life in the community.